:tioned against each of them:

Modi Textile Ltd.	9-7-1884
Vishal Syntex Ltd.	3-10-1984
Modern Spinners	5-8-1983

(b) Closure of these units has been attributed to prolonged labour unrest and necessary conditions in the textile industry.

(c) A rehabilitation package for the revival of these units has been worked out.

Import of colour TV sets VCRs by Indian Tourists from Hongkong and Singapore

*410. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some organised syndicates send Indian 'tourists' regularly to Hongkong and Singapore for just two or three days to bring back colour TV sets and VCRs to be sold by the syndicates at a premium;

(b) if so, what was the number of colour TV sets and VCRs being brought into the country on an average per day during the last one year; and

(c) what corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) The free allowances and the concessional rates of duty provided under the Baggage Rules are available only in respect of bonafide personal baggage. In case any goods are considered to be not bonafide baggage, they are liable to confiscation and levy of fine and penalties.

Specific intelligence received regarding abuse of baggage concessions or smuggling by organised syndicates are duly acted upon by the Customs authorities and appropriate action taken, including prosecution whenever justified. Some general complaints have also been received that passengers visiting Singapore, Hongkong, etc. do so with the sole purpose of bringing consumer goods, electronic items, etc. for sale in India. The high rates of duty on baggage items coupled with the comparatively higher airfares would make such import for the purpose of sale generally un-remunerative.

VCRs and Television sets cleared as baggage are not allowed to be sold, displayed, advertised or offered for sale or displayed in a shop until market price of VCRs has depreciated to less than 50 per cent of their market price, when new and Television sets have been used for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of clearance. In case of violation of these requirements, these goods are liable to confiscation.

(b) The Department does not maintain statistics of item-wise imports in baggage at airports.

(c) Customs authorities at the air-ports, sea ports and Land Customs Stations and in cities remain vigilant in the matter and carry out frequent raids at the shops and in the market in such cases and take appropriate action.

Restructuring of Tariff rates of foreign Newsprint

*411. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society pleaded for restructuring of tariff rates of foreign newsprint; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) The speech of the President of the Indian & Eastern Newspapers Society delivered at its 46th Annual General Meeting refers to the December, 1984 judgement of the Supreme Court in regard to the levy of customs duty on newsprint and makes a plea for the removal of the levy.

(b) A detailed study in accordance with the judgement of the Supreme Court